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Publication Requests

1. It is recommended that under certain closely controlled standards, requests by RPB personnel for permission to publish articles in responsible academic journals be considered favorably. Such a policy would bring benefits to the Agency, by focussing academic interest on problems of current intelligence concern and by enhancing the professional status of our staff members in the academic as well as the intelligence community. Other units in the Agency (ONE, ORR, and OCI) follow such a policy and the DD/I has been quoted as favoring it.
2. An occasional article in WORLD POLITICS, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, or SOVIET STUDIES could help link the academic community to the intelligence community and give direction to academic research by outlining current international problems and providing frames of reference for continuing investigation. This would tend to make the current academic research more useful to the intelligence community, and it would mean, in the long run, that new employees coming to the Agency from universities would be more likely to have some relevant experience with current international problems at the expense of such detailed knowledge about 19th century German imperialism, the Ming dynasty or the 1681 Russo-Turkish Treaty of Bakhchisarai.
3. Authorship of articles in academic journals will enhance the personal status of Agency personnel in their specialized fields and give them standing and prestige that will be beneficial in their contacts with academic people as well as colleagues in other agencies in the intelligence community. It would also have a beneficial effect on the morale of Agency personnel by providing a means of achieving some personal recognition. In at least two cases in recent years, promising candidates have decided against a career in FBID because of the obstacles placed in the way of publication.
4. Employee requests for permission to publish articles in academic publications might be considered within the following general frames of reference, with each case to be considered on its own merits.
 - a. Articles which contain classified information will not be approved.
 - b. Articles which are rewritten or re-edited versions of an article written for official publication will not be approved, except when it is in the interest of the government.

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